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On September 9, 2003 the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) visited Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center to review the institution-wide accreditation of resident training programs at the facility. This visit was a follow-up to the 2001 ACGME review in which King/Drew received an “unfavorable decision”.

Additionally, the anesthesiology, family medicine, and internal medicine training programs have been placed on probation by the ACGME. One department, radiology, has lost accreditation and the surgery program has received notice of intent to withdraw accreditation.

A number of newspaper articles and editorials have made suggestions that the relationship between the County and Drew University be modified. A Legislative Committee will be holding hearings to review the State’s role and relationship with the Medical School.

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There are a number of issues that we must address as we review the findings of the accrediting body.

Our primary goal is to assure high quality of care to the patients of our County hospitals. I believe the County should have a task force of high-level professionals to assist in accomplishing this goal.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board instruct the Director Health Services to form a high level Task Force, which would be made up of nationally recognized academics and experts on academic medicine from both teaching hospitals and medical schools. The Task Force also should include representation from the Department of Health Services and the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. The Director should report back to the Board in 60 days with his recommendations based on the Task Force's findings. The issues the Task Force reviews in its report to the Director should include the following:

1. Our obligations and relationship as a teaching hospital and the implications for patient care delivery;
2. Review models utilized in other teaching hospitals when they have responded to accreditation problems;
3. Evaluate the physician private practice plan arrangements that exist at King/Drew and the other County hospitals and how the King/Drew practice plan can be enhanced to improve the recruitment and retention of qualified medical staff to ensure the community's health care needs are met;

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4. The academic content and commitment to the training program by the faculty
and the medical school; and,
5. Ways to strengthen the recruitment and retention of strong clinical and
academic faculty.